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The following information is provided to amplify the intention of 3221 and answer 2648. In this regard, it provides a summary of scientific programs now being conducted by HICOG with suggestions as to how they may be modified in light of contractual arrangements. We will endeavor to supply, upon Departmental request, a further clarification on such questions as may not be adequately answered herein.

London Conference, August 1948, was attended on U.S. side by Director, JICA, representatives, SRD, Intelligence, CMGUS and Intelligence, EUCOM and on British side by representatives, Foreign Office, British Research Branch and other agencies. Meeting was held for purpose of modifying certain bilateral security agreements regarding German scientists. Minutes containing decisions of this meeting on file in JICA. These decisions had effect of amending existing JCS and U.K. JCS Directives on denial of German scientists to the East and on their employment in U.S., U.K. and Commonwealth countries. With transfer of occupation responsibilities from Army to State HICOG assumed certain functions in Denial Program. Reference OURTEL 1549, 5 Dec 49, URTEL 1045, 15 Dec 49, EUCOM TEL SX-1418, February 50 and JCS Cable 81758, 12 Apr 50.

These agreements are predicated upon U.S.-U.K. JCS Directives to effect that certain German scientists are of such importance that should they fall into potentially hostile hands it would constitute serious security threat to U.S. and to British Commonwealth. U.S. JCS have further directed that all means must be used to prevent such of these scientists as are in residence in U.S. Zone from falling into potentially hostile hands; British have similar directive in effect. Means to implement this directive by virtue of Allied authority have decreased with transfer of authority to Federal Republic, particularly on matters pertaining to travel outside of Western Germany. Present HICOG implementation is based on personal contact, retention of certain key scientists as consultants, and to certain extent on authority provided under "Law on the Control of Scientific Research". EUCOM conducts such personal surveillance and communications censorship as may be required and are primarily responsible for planning and execution of an "Emergency Evacuation Program".

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program is of mutual benefit to the U.S. and to German scientists and therefore should be continued. It is desirable to augment this program by facilitating and supporting attendance by U.S. scientists at German scientific meetings and by providing U.S. lecturers at German universities and other academic institutions.

3. "Intelligence" Reporting

SRD receives voluntarily from German scientists a volume of scientific and technical information. This material is reviewed and forwarded to the Department for transmittal to CIA. In addition, reports from staff members, SRD, U.S. Consultants and visiting scientists are forwarded through the same channel. SRD does not perform an intelligence seeking function. This function is performed by Scientific Division, HICOG Intelligence. SRD works in close coordination with this office. Authority for this function is contained in A-792, 16 Sept 50. Favorable comment on this program has been received through CIA to the effect that the information provided is extremely valuable; therefore this program should be continued even though it will not directly support "denial objectives". It is believed that the continuation of this program is consistent with the status under contractual agreements since the German contribution thereto is entirely voluntary.

4. SRD Participates in "Exchanges Program"

Reference A-854, 22 Sept 50. This program should be a "two-way street" project. It is advisable to provide means for sending U.S. scientists to conduct research in German institutes under mutually agreed arrangements. Such an arrangement would go a long way in establishing a genuine partnership and would assist greatly in achieving "denial objectives".

5. Advising and maintaining liaison with German research organizations and German scientific societies; such as, Forschungsgemeinschaft, Max-Planck Gesellschaft, Verein Deutsche Ingenieure, Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker, Deutscher Physikalische Gesellschaften, Materialprüfungsamt, and with German universities. German scientific meetings are covered by SRD staff members and by German consultants and reports thereon are forwarded to the Department. As early as 1946 German scientists sought advice from SRD on the re-establishment and reorganization of research associations and scientific societies, many of which had been dissolved by Control Council legislation. SRD assisted materially in these matters with the result that German scientists have continued to approach SRD for advice on these and related matters. It is believed that as long as continuity of SRD personnel is maintained the Germans will wish to continue consultations on these matters.

6. "Service" functions

This function includes briefing U.S. visiting consultants and representatives of U.S. private and governmental agencies on the most effective manner of accomplishing their mission in Germany; advising individual German

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scientists on problems involving procurement of U.S. scientific literature and in general facilitating contacts between them and their U.S. colleagues; mediating between German scientists and technologists seeking employment in the U.S. and prospective U.S. employers; recommending scientists and technicians to U.S. firms making requests for such; screening data submitted by German inventors and forwarding significant data to U.S. agencies for evaluation. Service functions of this type should be continued because they are essential to the establishment and maintenance of good will.

7. Security Functions

SRD advises on matters of security in the field of scientific research and performs in conjunction with the British and French elements the functions assigned in this field to the Military Security Board. Under contractual agreements this program will be greatly reduced, however, during over five years of operation SRD has established contact with hundreds of German scientists. There need not be any legal basis for the continuation of these contacts for they will exist quite naturally on the professional basis upon which they are founded. It is anticipated that existing contacts will be improved and others established. It is considered advisable that the experience gained by SRD and the good will which it established among German scientists should be exploited in the interests of Western Defense.

In addition to these functions SRD wishes to undertake a program of giving financial support to certain German scientists to work on projects of interest to the U.S.; reference letter from Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Kimball, 19 Mar 1951 and RDB documents RDB 316/3.1 and RDB 316/3.2. If this program were approved preference in the awarding of contracts could be given to the key scientists. The program would be of great importance in achieving "denial objectives".

Since it is anticipated that the British will adopt similar programs to those described above, and for similar reasons, and since the interests of other Washington agencies must be considered, it is believed that a discussion of the questions raised herein should take place prior to the coming into effect of contractual agreements. Furthermore, both the British and the U.S. will operate these programs within all of Western Germany and therefore it is essential to have some agreement on key scientists and on a cooperative "Emergency Evacuation Program".

HICOG does not have function as coordinator of scientific programs and consequently does not possess authoritative information on terms of reference of other Washington agencies in Germany. For your information, Navy, Army and Air Force agencies are extremely interested in participating in the program of supporting German research projects in interests of the U.S. Believe you

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have pertinent information on Project 63 which was initiated through JIOA. A committee has been established consisting of representatives of HICOC-SRD and Army, Air Force and Navy agencies in Germany for purpose of making preliminary revision Project 63 List, Combined Allocation List and other Lists. SRD assists other Washington agencies in Germany in meeting their intelligence requirements in the field of scientific research.

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